Muhammad (570 CE - 632 CE)

- Born in Mecca, brought up by his uncle. He became a merchant.
- During prayer on Mount Hira, Muhammad was visited by Angel Gabriel (Jibril) who recited the words of Allah to him.
- When Muhammad first started preaching - many people did not like. He moved to Madinah to form the first Muslim community
- Muhammad after years of uniting tribes conquered Mecca.
- Final prophet sent by Allah.   • Perfect Muslim example.
- Muhammad gave the Qur'an to humans.

Risalah
Risalah - means 'message': the way Allah communicates his message to people.

Prophethood - the 'channel' of communication between Allah and humanity.

Adam

- First human on Earth - first prophet.
- Created from the dust of the ground.
- Father of the human race.
- God gave Adam understanding & the name of all things.
- God created Hawwa (Eve) to keep Adam company.

Ibrahim

- Sold small statues (idol Gods).
- Ibrahim searched for the truth, then preached about God in public.
- Ibrahim captured & put into a fire - an Angel spoke to him & Allah commanded the fire to cool.
- To test their power - threw them into the river - realised they had no power.
- Ibrahim was willing to sacrifice his only son for Allah - a ram sacrificed instead (festival of Id-ul-Adha remembers this).

ISLAM BELIEFS

Holy Scripture

- **Ayah** - verse of the Qur'an.
- **Gospel** - good news of Isa (Jesus), one of the prophets.
- **Psalms** - holy book revealed by God to David.
- **Surah** - chapter of the Qur'an (114 in total).
- **Torah** - five books revealed to Moses, one of the prophets.
- **Scrolls of Abraham** - holy book revealed to Abraham.

The Qur'an

- The most important holy book - the direct word of Allah.
- Revealed over 23 years to Muhammad.
- Contains all truths, rules / laws, knowledge needed as a Muslim.
- Written in Arabic.
- Words memorised by Muhammad - passed / recited to others then written down.
- Treated with respect - wudu (washing) performed before touching the Qur'an & wrapped in cloth & kept on the top shelf.

Hadith

- Collections of writings about the life of the Prophet Muhammad and contain his sayings and teachings.

Sunnah

- Found in the Hadith.
- Practices and examples of the Prophet Muhammad - Muslims see these as examples of how to behave.